

- **Congestion/traffic** - Portsmouth most congested city outside of London literally surrounded by water - island so no where to expand out to for traffic etc to divert. The traffic flow is delicately balanced, so much so, that if it so much as rains, traffic grids to a halt. This project will cause misery and chaos for years. There is no way to mitigate this. The project will have a MAJOR impact
- **Loss of open space** and nature is at a premium and priceless irreplaceable commodity to its residents. We are passionate about protecting it Quotes from LSA members/ sport facility users at Farlington/Portsmouth College on what these grounds mean to them and what effect the loss will have
- **Exercise and benefits of open, green spaces on physical and mental health and wellbeing** - Gov initiative to get people to lose weight to tackle rising obesity and protect themselves from covid, depriving them of open spaces and sports fields to do this is contra-indicatory. Portsmouth is not a wealthy city. Some areas are very deprived - in terms of space and finances. Not everyone has a car and can afford to drive out of the city to access nature. People need free, open access to areas to be able to exercise and be away from literally miles, street-upon-street of terraced housing and concrete.

Mental health problems are common. In the population of Portsmouth that equates to around 52,879 people experiencing a mental health problem each year with half of all adult mental health problems present by the time the person is 14 years old.

Increased wait times of a year to access some therapy services at St Marys means that people need to be responsible for managing their own conditions for longer themselves until they can access services. So are using places such as Solent Mind. All of the course drive home the importance of looking after your own mental and physical health through simple exercise such as walking, cycling daily in your local area

My personal experience needing this for my [REDACTED]

Quote from GP and mental health team at St Marys Anxiety and stress level rise for people

- **Pollution / air quality** WHO bad air quality already. Gov already bringing in the Clean Air Zone, this measure is contraindicated in Gov own objectives to improve air quality when levels are already high. In summer we can taste the fumes. My personal experience of needing an inhaler
- **Clean Air Zone** when is clean air zone introduced in Autumn 2021 traffic will divert to London Rd/ Copnor rd to avoid the congestion charge and Eastern rd Aquind works. London Rd (which turns into) Kingston Rd is the main bus route into and out of the city, followed by Copnor Rd (the other main feeder rd other than Eastern Rd).
- **Delays for essential workers** trying to get to work at St Marys Hospital (right by start of Eastern Rd) and QA hospital (at the end of the London Rd) where there is no parking for staff and many need to rely on buses to get into work. Also potential for ambulances to get caught up in congestion endangering lives. Quote from medical staff about potential impact on patient care

**Summary** No amount of mitigation and financial compensation can make up for or counter the huge disruption, grid locked congestion, pollution, anxiety, stress level and decreased general health and well being that loss of access to nature, open spaces and free exercise and sporting facilities these areas provide. It is not a case of NIMBY.

We are not anti Aquind or this project in principal, we are anti this being forced upon an entirely unsuitable location the one part of the south coast which simply does not have the capacity to either absorb or mitigate the impact on residents of the city for the life of the project, or the continuing access lifetime maintenance rights.